



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Health Information Management Association celebrates the week of November 7-13, 2004 as National Health Information and Technology Week in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, professionals in the field of health information management are continuously working with other health care professionals to improve the quality of medical care; and

WHEREAS, privacy and security of health information are inherent rights of each person, the health information administrator protects health information from unauthorized use by establishing procedures for the release of information according to state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, health information administrators are charged with the responsibility of accurate and efficient health records in the traditional hospital setting as well as ambulatory care services, long-term care facilities, governmental agencies, health insurance companies, pharmaceutical firms, mental health facilities, drug and alcohol treatment centers; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Health Information Management Association and its over 680 members are concerned with the development, retention, retrieval and use of health information for medical care, preventive medicine, financial reimbursement, quality improvement, professional education, administrative practices and research purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 7 through November 13, 2004 as

NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY WEEK

in the state of Louisiana.



*Attest By
The Governor*

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 26th day of October
A.D., 2004.*

[Signature]
Governor of Louisiana